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Union Minister and diplomats witness repatriation readiness

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A Delegation of diplomats led by Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Thung Tun observed repatriation readiness as part of a trip to disseminate accurate information to international communities on the government's efforts for repatriation.

Union Minister and the delegation comprised of Ambassadors from China, India and Singapore, the UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Knut Ostby, chargé d'affaires of the Thai and Bangladesh embassies, and journalists from Xinhua and NHK on 6 February toured Maungtau to witness the preparations for repatriation.

At Sittway Airport, Union Minister briefed the delegation on preparations made by the Union Government and the Rakhine State Government for repatriation, including issuing National Verification Cards, providing temporary shelter, security, food, health care, help in resettlement and rehabilitation for returnees.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu invited cooperation from the diplomats and the UN official in sharing accurate information on Rakhine State to international communities after they witnessed the genuine situation in the state. He also urged them to cooperate with the authorities as Myanmar is ready to launch the repatriation and resettlement of returnees in accordance with the agreement with Bangladesh.

Following the briefing, the delegation flew by helicopter to Hla Pho Khaung camp, a transit camp for the returnees in Maungtau. At Hla Pho Khaung camp, Maungtau District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut and officials were briefed on preparations for providing shelter, security, food, water and electricity to returnees.



Afterwards, the delegation went to Nga KhuYa and the reception camp, which will be used for accepting those who returned by waterway, and viewed readiness for scrutinising, issuing NV cards, health care services, internal and external liaison offices.

Afterwards, they flew to TaungPyoLetwe reception camp and toured the facilities that will welcome those who return by road.

The delegation led by Union Minister U ThaungTun also met with local residents who left their homes and are staying temporarily at the zero line at the border. They briefed the residents about the government's repatriation process under the bilateral agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The delegation also visited Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, where U Aung Myint Than, Chairman of Border Trade and Merchants' Association, briefed them on current trading activities and objectives of the zone.

The delegation arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

Myanmar was ready to launch the repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh as of 23 January with two camps and one transit camp established.

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